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"It's the greatest funnest thing ever."

Jonathan Manarano

Board Of Visitors Votes To Raise Tuition \$255



Philip Griffith/Bullet

Faculty Senate President Ernie Ackerman, SGA President Meredith Johnston, Executive Vice President Rick Hurley, Executive Assistant to the President Rannie Corbin and President William Anderson at the Board of Visitors meeting on Wednesday.

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH

News Editor

On Wednesday, Oct. 30, the Board of Visitors voted unanimously to raise tuition for all full-time students by \$255 for the spring semester. This raises in-state tuition by 9.6 percent, from \$2,650 to \$2,905, and out-of-state tuition by 2.6 percent, from \$9,838 to \$10,093. Part-time students will see an increase of \$17 per credit hour.

The increase, which college officials said was necessary to protect jobs and salaries, will offset \$1 million of the \$1.8 million budget cuts imposed by the state of Virginia on Oct. 15. These cuts were on top of the eight percent, or \$2.5 million, cuts that the college endured last spring.

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Rick Hurley said if the Board did not raise tuition, about 30 non-instructional employees would have been laid off. This increase is the first ever mid-year increase in the history of the college.

"What you're seeing is really more of what we've already done, and that's why we can't go any further," Hurley said. "And that's why we have to increase revenues or go to layoffs."

The updated budget cut plans include not filling vacant positions, having fewer cultural activities, reducing faculty development, and having 28 fewer classes

next semester. Also, the plans require cut in the operating budgets for departments, including eight percent cuts for all academic departments.

"Typically, when you say that, it typically means you will print less, you will travel less, you attend less conferences," Hurley said.

According to Hurley, various auxiliary expenses, including athletics, will also be

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What Exactly Is In The Water Around Campus?

Paint Drained Into Stream

By TERRY NORTON

Staff Writer

On Friday, junior Lawton Clites was on the bridge between Seacock Dining Hall and Monroe Hall at about 1 p.m. when he saw what looked like milk in the stream below.

"There was this nasty, milky white stuff," Clites said. "It was pouring out of a small drainage pipe into the stream."

As it turns out, that milky white stuff came from Seacock Dining Hall. On Friday, Oct. 25, painters working in the manager's office of Seacock Hall caused Duron interior latex paint to drain into the stream that runs between Seacock and Willard Halls. By noon on Saturday, Oct. 26, rain and run-off broke up and dispersed the eggshell white paint in the stream.

Ruth Lovelace, director of Environmental Health and Safety, said that her office has a Material Safety Data Sheet on every substance used on campus. The MSDS breaks down the chemical make up of a substance and details toxic items in that substance. The MSDS for latex paint indicates that there is nothing toxic.

Fish Appear In Pond Near Jepson

By ANGELA HAUGHEY

Assistant Features Editor

Senior Laboratory Specialist Michael Kilian knew that he had seen fish in the pond near Jepson Science Center, but he did not know how they even got there. In the summer of 2001 when Kilian helped John Temple, assistant professor of biology, feed his snakes, Kilian decided to grab a net and head out to the pond.

"Instead of going to the local bait shop, I decided to go catch some [fish] myself," said Kilian.

According to Kilian, there were plenty of fish swimming around in the pond.

"They weren't as big as the fish you would buy in a bait shop, but they were still pretty big," Kilian said.

According to Kilian, the paint also contained chemicals that can cause harm to people, including texanol and ethylene glycol. Ethylene glycol is toxic if ingested by humans, at the amount of 1.6 grams per kilogram of the substance. According to chemical reports from Kodak Chemicals, the producer of texanol, it is combustible, causes redness to skin and eyes.

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Kilian thought he recognized the species of fish, but he was not positive until he brought them to Professor and Department Chair of Biology Werner Wieland's attention. That is when they identified the fish as *Gambusia holbrookii*, better known as the eastern mosquitofish.

Neither Kilian nor Wieland could explain how the fish got into that pond in the first place.

"It's not a natural body of water to start with," said Wieland.

According to Wieland, the pond was originally designed for control of storm water runoff.

"It's not a lake. It's meant to hold water after a quick rain, but it ended up surprisingly being a constant pool," Wieland said.

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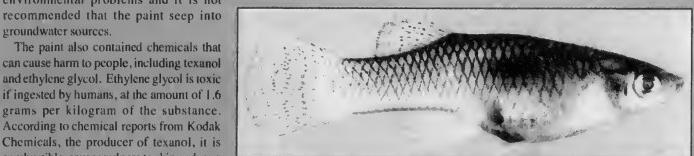


Photo Courtesy Freshwater Fishes Of Virginia

MWC Decides To End Binding Early Decision Option

College Is Third In Nation To Drop Early Decision

By MELISSA KIRCHNER

Staff Writer

After the president of Yale University, Richard C. Levin, called for a nationwide drop of all binding early decision college admission plans, Vice President of Enrollment for Mary Washington College Martin A. Wilder announced that starting in the fall of 2003 the college will become the third school in the country, and the first school in Virginia to drop the application option.

"The basic concern is that students applying to highly selective colleges are placed under intense pressure to lock in with a single institution too early," Wilder said.

The current early decision application option at Mary Washington allows students to place their application in the mail by Nov. 1 and have an answer from the college by December. What makes this application option different from early action plans other colleges and universities offer is that along with

the application, the student must submit a binding contract signed by the student, the guardian of the student, and the guidance counselor at the student's high school saying that if accepted the student will attend the college.

Mary Washington College will continue to offer the nonbinding Honors Admission policy which "rewards students with stellar academic achievement" with an earlier application and notification date.

The students affected by the change will be the ones who do not have the stellar academic history to enter the college through the honors admission but would like to reap the benefits of receiving notification regarding their acceptance status before mid-March.

According to Wilder, Mary Washington College will drop the early decision application option because of the negative emotional impact it can have on high school students.

"A few extra months allows students more time to grow and mature, and to carefully consider all of their

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The Admissions Office.

Albert Kugel/Bullet

Police Beat

By PORTSIA SMITH
Assistant News Editor



Oct. 22—At 3:47 a.m., a student from Madison Hall reported to police that his key wouldn't open the main door. While explaining the problem, the officer smelled the odor of alcohol coming from the student. The undergraduate student said he had been celebrating his birthday off campus and had consumed eight or nine beers. The student was arrested for being drunk in public and referred to administration.

Oct. 25—At 1 a.m., four undergraduate students in Randolph Hall were caught in possession of alcohol. A total of 21 cans of Natural Light beer, one bottle of Vodka and one bottle of wine were confiscated. All four students were referred to administration.

Oct. 26—At 11 p.m., three undergraduate students from Randolph Hall were caught in possession of alcohol. A total of eight cans of Natural Light beer were confiscated. All three students were referred to administration.

Early Decision's Time Is Up

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college options, and ultimately reach a well-reasoned decision," Wilder said.

According to admissions documents, Mary Washington College has traditionally admitted 15 to 20 percent of the incoming freshman class through the early decision application option. The University of Virginia and William and Mary normally admit 15 percent of their freshman class through early decision. Mary Washington College has never actively promoted the option, but the admissions counselors at the college do not want high school students to feel threatened or pressured to make their decision before they are educated and ready.

Some students have done the research, though, and are ready to make the decision in November.

"There was no doubt in my mind that Mary Washington College is where I wanted to go; applying early was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I enjoyed my senior year, unlike so many of my classmates," Mary Washington College senior Keri Campbell said.

C.J. Online, an internet news magazine for high school students, reported that the early decision program was first adopted by elite colleges in the 1950s. Throughout the past decade the trend has spread and according to a College Board study in 2000, over 400 colleges currently offer an early admission plan. The same study showed that in the year 2000, over 14 percent of college seniors were admitted under an early decision option.

Recently, the trend has been called to a stop.

Yale University President Levin proposed in December of 2001 for colleges and universities to drop the early decision option. In Levin's statement, he referred to the pressure that is placed on a student who attempts to make a decision regarding college too early. Levin's announcement has created a stir among college admissions counselors. Since Levin's announcement, Beloit College in Wisconsin and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, responded to the message and dropped the application option.

The first time Wilder responded to Levin's call it was not to drop the plan. Instead, he remained adamant about the college keeping its early

"Unlike other institutions who accept over 50 percent of their incoming class through early decision, Mary Washington has always done early decision the right way."

Martin Wilder

were admitted through the early decision plan. After compiling the data and meeting with high school counselors, Wilder decided to make Mary Washington College the first college in the state to drop the binding early decision plan.

Some critics of the early admission policy claim that the admission option is not utilized by minority students because financial aid packages are not released by the government, state organizations and colleges until later in the spring. This makes it impossible for some minority students to sign a binding agreement to a school they do not know whether they will be able to afford.

According to Wilder though, the "minority mix" was not taken into account when making the recent decision to end the option.

According to Wilder, the decision is not expected to have much of an impact at Mary Washington College, but it may result in a stronger academic profile of the incoming freshman class. The real impact will be within the walls of the high schools but only if other colleges and universities follow suit. The feedback from Virginia schools so far has shown no sign of other schools dropping their plans.

Everyone Pays \$255 More

BOV Votes To Raise Tuition Again

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cut, but he said he is unsure how that will be done now.

College administrators had proposed a \$225 tuition increase for the spring semester, but BOV members decided to add \$30 in order to add some funding back to the Academic Affairs budget, which bore 44 percent of the cut.

"I've never seen this board raise tuition lightly," said BOV rector Dori Egley. "We've got to ensure quality. We've got to protect our academic programs."

The extra \$30 per student will generate \$110,000 for Academic Affairs. BOV members were adamant that the money should only go towards academics and not go towards alleviating other budget reductions, such as buying new vehicles for the college.

"We need to show where these dollars are going," said BOV member Fred Thompson. "We don't want to come back here and see this van on-campus."

Last week, faculty senate unanimously proposed having the Board of Visitors raise tuition by five percent. While the BOV did not

use the faculty senate's plan, faculty senate president Ernie Ackerman said that he thought faculty would support the Board's decision to raise tuition.

"Naturally, if there's a tuition increase, we'd like to see it go towards academics," Ackerman said. "I think they'll welcome it because it goes in the direction we proposed."

While faculty may support the decision however, senior Student Government Association President Meredith Johnston said she thinks most students would be against it.

"I think students are going to be disappointed about the increase," Johnston said. "I think they're going to feel that it's unfair. I think the college is going to take efforts to make sure students know where the increase is going."

Other colleges are also raising tuition mid-year due to the state's \$1.5 billion budget shortfall problems. According to college officials, George Mason University has raised its tuition by \$183 and James Madison has raised its tuition by \$180 per student.

Nation In Brief

By Lindsay Beaton

Scary Wedding a Scream for Bride and Groom

JANESVILLE, Wis.—Jaycees Haunted House is used to scaring people away, not bringing them together, but on Sunday "until death do you part" became a little less gruesome. Tom Sletten and Traci Dunn were married at the House where they have been working together, reported the Associated Press. "I thought it was a little bit crazy, but he said sure, and she kind of put the whole thing together," said Cindy Clayton, Jaycees' president and the maid of honor at the ceremony. "Even though they were in makeup, I could tell by their expressions that at times they were a little shocked up. Clayton dressed as a witch, and the best man wore a death mask. The happy couple dressed as a dead happy couple for their special day.

World's Largest Tape Ball

BOCA RATON, Fla.—Galit Raviv, 12 years old, started rolling a ball of tape in her hands one day because she was bored. The rest is Guinness World Records history. The Raviv family used 238 rolls of transparent packing tape, about 12 miles in all, to roll the world's largest tape ball over the course of a month, reported the Associated Press. The ball is two feet high, 75 inches in diameter and 80 pounds. "It made an unbelievable amount of noise," said Daniel Raviv, Galit's father and an engineering professor at Florida Atlantic University. The Ravivs kept rolling until it looked like it wouldn't fit through the front door of their house. Their entry is in Guinness Book's first tape entry, although awards have been given for balls of string, popcorn, aluminum foil and rubber bands.

Dog Shoots Hunter on Opening Day of Pheasant Season

BROOKLYN PARK, Minn.—Michael Murray was hunting with his year-old English setter puppy, Sonny, when his faithful hound shot him in the ankle. Murray, 42, was taking advantage of the first day of the season last Saturday and was about to take a picture of the seven pheasant his party had already shot when his 12-gauge shotgun went off at his feet, the Associated Press reported. Sonny had been frisking around his master's feet when it happened. "He stepped on the gun and it went off," Murray said. "At first I didn't know what happened. I got that blinding flash of pain and I sat down. Blood was pumping out of my ankle." Chuck Knutson, Murray's brother-in-law, tied a tourniquet above Murray's right boot. Murray's father was also a member of the hunting party. "My dad's 75," Murray said. "He was white as a ghost." The men drove to a relative's house where an ambulance took them to the hospital. He needed 15 stitches and a night in the hospital and is now recovering. "It was the most bizarre thing that has ever happened to me," Murray said. "[The hard part is] talking to people, because you feel like such a fool."

Man Saves Police Time, Drives Himself to Jail

GREEN BAY, Wis.—A low speed car chase ended right where the police wanted it to, in a local jail parking lot. A 22-year-old man driving a pickup was ignoring road signs and driving on the wrong side of the road, sending police on a chase, reported the Associate Press. His 21-year-old female passenger finally jumped out of the truck in an attempt to get away. She was uninjured. The police chased him right into the Brown County Jail parking lot, where the man parked his truck, smoked a cigarette, got out of the vehicle and lay face down on the ground to be arrested. He allegedly said that he knew he was drunk and was going to jail, so he just drove himself there. The man was also charged with cocaine possession and hit and run from a previous incident.

One Fish, Two Fish, Three Fish, New Fish

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Wieland said in the last few years there has been a continuous pool of water, which he feels is surprising considering how dry it has been.

Wieland has seen mosquitofish in other areas of Frederickburg, so he was not surprised when he found them on campus. However, the confusing aspect is that this pond is man-made, so human introduction is one of the only plausible explanations for their appearance.

"I do not know how the fish came to be in the pond," said Assistant Vice President for Facilities Services John Wiltzenthum. "There are no current plans to remove the fish."

Eastern mosquitofish are native to North America, including Virginia. Adults range in size from 20 mm to 40 mm in length. Mosquitofish mainly prey on larval and pupal mosquitoes, but they also eat other insects.

According to authors of "Freshwater Fishes of Virginia," Robert E. Jenkins and Noel M. Burkhead, "[The eastern mosquitofish] has been extensively introduced in the western United States and temperate and tropical areas worldwide, primarily for mosquito control. As a result, the mosquitofish has one of the largest distributions among freshwater fishes."

A member of the guppy family, *Gambusia* has been used for mosquito control for several decades. According to Jenkins and Burkhead, "*Gambusia* was even introduced by the US Army to South Pacific islands during World War II."

Wieland said mosquitofish tend to be found primarily in standing bodies of water, rather than flowing. They usually live in shallow areas of creeks, swamps, marshes, pools, and ditches. This kind of environment provides the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes, the primary diet of mosquitofish.

Joella Killian, professor of biology, said the mosquito larva stage is excellent food for mosquitofish. She felt larval fish are good food for mosquitofish. "Gambusia is more selective."

According to Professor Killian, the mosquito larva is aquatic and very active. She said this makes the larva a perfect match for the mosquito fish. Mosquitofish

seize their prey near or at the water surface, which is where mosquito larvae are found. Killian added that she feels that these fish can be useful, but "I am not sure if the college is using them for mosquito control."

Some feel the effectiveness of *Gambusia*'s mosquito control is unclear. The *Gambusia* Control Homepage, www.gambusia.net, refers to mosquitofish as pests, referring to the fish as "damnobusia" or the "fish destroyer." Peter Unmack of the Biology Department at Arizona State University reports that mosquitofish compete with other aquatic species. In addition, Unmack feels that *Gambusia*'s diet consists of other fish and fish eggs. This would reduce the number of competitors for mosquitofish, allowing them to dominate the habitat.

"[Gambusia] is introduced all over the world for mosquito control," said Wieland. "The problem is that it doesn't always work."

However, others feel the introduction of this type of fish may prove useful, especially in light of the West Nile incidences.

"We don't know how they got there, but that's not really relevant because they'll help us get rid of the mosquitos," said senior Ashley Hildebrandt. "That's particularly important because of the West Nile cases they found around campus. It's an added safety measure."

Jenkins and Burkhead see the mosquitofish as advantageous for their ability to greatly reduce mosquito populations in ponds.

"The introduction of mosquitofish can upset the balance of native predators of mosquitoes, or that too low a stocking rate of *Gambusia* actually may lead to an increase of mosquito populations," they wrote.

The appearance of the eastern mosquitofish remains a mystery, but campus officials are not concerned.

Wieland speculates the mosquitofish are probably in other standing water ponds on campus, but he is not positive.

"I haven't looked for it in any other streams," Wieland said. "But they are not unusual."

Painting Up The Stream...

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and is carcinogenic in rats.

Harold Williams, the supervisor of the paint shop in Facilities Services, said that about ten years ago all the sinks on campus were diverted into the sanitation system, and apparently this one was missed when that was done.

Lavelace said that the college cleaned up the paint. "We pumped what was left in the [storm drain] pit area back into the sanitary sewer," she said. "Nothing was injured

and we informed downtown officials. We also removed the sink and capped the pipe."

Williams explained new procedures for his painters.

"All my guys have been instructed not to use any sinks in the buildings," Williams said. "From now on they are to bring their equipment to the paint shop to wash up even if they are in the middle of a job and want to switch paints. That way if there is another [old sink] out there, this won't happen again."

Viewpoints

your opinions

Editorial Tuition Increase

On October 30, the Board of Visitors voted unanimously to add \$255 to the tuition of both in-state and out-of-state full time students. This is the first time the college has raised tuition mid-semester.

While this tuition increase can be perceived as unsavory, it is absolutely necessary in light of Virginia's current budget crisis.

First, the increase in tuition prevents college employees from losing their jobs. If the BOV had not raised tuition, over 30 non-instructional employees would have lost their jobs. And there's no increase had occurred for an extended period of time, there's no telling if instructional employees might have started losing their jobs.

Second, the college has been labeled a "Best Buy" by Money Magazine in recent years. It is doubtful that raising tuition by \$255 will detract students from applying to the college or staying at the college.

Third, the tuition increase prevents the nickel and diming of the students. While non music majors pay extra money each semester for private lessons, students in most science laboratories aren't going to be forced to pay extra fees.

Student Government Meredith Johnston said that she thinks members of the student body will be disappointed by the tuition increase. We at *The Bullet* think that although the students may be upset at first, they are intelligent enough to understand that the increase will help to maintain the high quality of education Mary Washington College has been known for, despite the budget crisis.

Thumbs Up To COAR

Trick-or-treating in the dorms was a huge success this year in no small part to COAR and other campus groups. Over 100 kids from Fredericksburg were able to collect candy from students while going through the dorms with a guide. It put smiles on the faces of kids, parents, and students alike. Trick or treating in the dorms provided a place for kids to trick or treat safely in the daylight. It also provided a chance for Mary Washington College students to give back to the community. *The Bullet* would like to congratulate a job well done.

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War Is Hell

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Guest Columnist

Certainly as an American citizen, an active proponent of the freedom of expression, and a newly established "hippie or radical left-wing student," I feel compelled to issue a rebuttal against the editorial "Bush Is No Terrorist" (Oct. 24). Throughout the article and intermingled with the writer's logic were contradictions and transparent lies, forming on the whole an unsophisticated opinion on war with Iraq and the position of Bush in our government.

A belief that our own government has never engaged in terrorism, especially in times of war, is truly naive. History books team with patriotic sentiment for World War II, over how the valiant knights of the United States fought and defeated the evil Axis empire in the name of truth, justice, and democracy, and saved the diminishing Allied Forces.

But do these books also tell of the

truth of the Japanese internment camps in America, or the justice in dropping two atomic bombs and killing over 200,000, even though Japan was before that point willing to surrender? And how different is our justification in jailing and murdering entire sections of our own population from those of Saddam Hussein?

Remember also that the very same nation, "These United States of America," in fighting against British oppression, participated in its own bloody ethnic genocides. A life is a life, regardless of whether it is American or not.

War is not a John Wayne movie, or even "Saving Private Ryan." War is not love or peace, nor is it a closed reduction to factions of "good" and "evil." War, like terrorism, is "mass murder and high body counts" and it never discriminates.

Like the author, I too have veterans in my family. When Vietnam, a preventative war just like the one proposed by El Presidente, erupted, my father joined the Marines, most likely under the same pretenses that her grandparents did. Unlike her

grandparents, my father did not find love in the jungles of Vietnam, but rather a village. In that village, he befriended the inhabitants, one of whom, a 10-year-old girl, he disarmed of a grenade strapped between her legs. Several of his friends died or have since suffered numerous ailments, a mere side effect of the fight for "the ideals of freedom and democracy."

And of course, history has shown us the "preventative" measures taken to rescue Vietnam from the evil of Communism obviously were

FAST FACT:

Alcohol stays in your brain for six months after drinking.



successful. Show me the democracy in that country, and I'll show you the results of imperialism, Agent Orange and land mines.

Thomas Jefferson defined terrorism as "a mode of government by terror or intimidation." George W. under the guise of patriotism and the American cowboy, has established an era of neo-McCarthyism, in which those against the "war" on terrorism are afraid to speak out, as they will be judged as un-American.

Our involvement in the Middle East see **WAR**, page 16

Shooting Down The Bullet

Dear Editor:

This response is in regards to the article "Honor Council Copes With Resignation," in the Oct. 24 issue of *The Bullet*. While normally a piece devoted to the Honor Council rallying together to fill the void left by the previous president's dishonorable resignation is acceptable, this article lacks a certain objectiveness.

The focus is entirely on the acting president Brian Reagan and his accomplishments, which is ill-timed to say the least. The readers are reminded of "a formal election" that is being held to select a replacement Honor Council president "which Reagan plans to run for next Wednesday" or Oct. 30 ("cough"). Vote for Reagan ("cough"). Wait! Is Reagan the only candidate running? No? He is running opposed? Well heavens

to Betsy! Then what about the other candidates, Patrick Briley, Alicia Cornwell, Shuna Muhammad, Timothy Shiels, and Dominique Vega. Where is there mention of them? Nowhere, how very interesting.

There is no room for a single mention of any other candidates, yet a previous Honor Council president's quote in support of Reagan due to the fact that, "You don't want to have anyone in there who is inexperienced," fits in rather nicely into this article which obviously supports Reagan's election bid. Reagan himself reminds us that, "You really need dedication to fill this job successfully," which obviously feels he has. Whether any of the unnamed phantom candidates do is yet to be heard.

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Dear Editor:

I have a suggestion for the article headlined "Honor Council Copes With Resignation" (Oct. 24). I'm not a journalist, but it is my understanding that the heading should have something to do with the content of the article. Assuming this is true, the article should have been headlined "Vote Brian Reagan For Honor Council President." This is a closer match to the actual content of the article. He was referred to by name 15 times! As if this repetition wasn't enough to engrave his name into the minds of the readers, *The Bullet* kindly informs us that acting president Reagan "is beginning to turn things around."

It further reminds us that he's running for president and to vote running for Wednesday, Oct. 30. Is it

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Editor's Note: At the time of publication, nominations for Honor Council president had not yet taken place. We, therefore, could not name other candidates.

Letters to the Editor

Taxation Without Representation

Dear Editor:

As an out-of-state student here at Mary Washington College, I was absolutely outraged to read about Professor Steven Farnsworth's proposal to compensate for school budget cuts ("College Must Cope With Budget Pains," Oct. 24). His plan to raise in-state tuition by only \$195 a year, and raise out-of-state tuition by \$464 a year is unfair to every out-of-state student on this campus.

I thought we paid twice as much to go to this school because our tax money, or more commonly our parents' tax money, is not used for the funding of this college.

So why then, when the state of Virginia makes budget cuts for Mary Washington College does the biggest burden fall on the out-of-state students? Less of the in-state students tax money is going to the school so I have to pay an extra \$460 a year to make up for it?

This is absolutely ridiculous. The in-state students get the privilege of paying a low tuition because supposedly their Virginia state taxes make up for the extra money needed to fund their education. So when less of that money is coming in from the state, shouldn't the in-state students be the ones to take the greatest tuition increase?

The tuition cuts from the state of Virginia are greatly affecting my education as an out-of-state student and I am personally enraged. I already have to endure the teacher lay-offs and course reduction because of the new budget, and

now I have to pay twice as much as an in-state student to compensate for it?

I agree with Professor Farnsworth that a tuition increase is certainly better than laying off teachers or cutting salaries, but that financial burden should not be dumped onto the students already paying \$16,000 dollars a year to attend a school where their interests are not being protected. If you are going to raise tuition, raise the tuition of those students who benefit from government funding because I certainly do not.

Rachel Sharpe is a freshman.

We, The People

Dear Editor:

We, the Human Rights Club at Mary Washington College, are opposed to the U.S. government's war on Iraq for the following reasons:

1. People on both sides will die, innocent Iraqi civilians as well as U.S. military personnel.

2. The attack will fuel worldwide anti-U.S. sentiment, encourage extremist views and pave the way for further threats to domestic security.

3. If we attack, Saddam Hussein will be more likely to use whatever weapons of mass destruction he has available, thus provoking a larger conflict in the Middle East.

4. There is no clear consensus within the international community for any use of force against Iraq, including within the United Nations. Also, over the past few months there has been evidence of large-scale opposition to the use of force, including protests in Paris,

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Cancer — You will start work on a mystery novel told from the point of view of your cat.

Leo — Excellent day to dig a very big hole. Pile the dirt up around the sides, and make huge paw prints around it.

Virgo — You will spend another full day attempting to shuffle a deck of cards with your toes.

Libra — Try being entirely honest for a week. That's a fine way to develop a clear conscience.

Scorpio — People will compliment you on how clean you are. You will find this strangely irritating.

Sagittarius — You a strange turn of events, it will turn out that people wearing glasses not only look smarter, they ARE smarter.

Capricorn — You're so far behind, there's no way to get caught up. You might as well do something fun instead.

Aquarius — You will tell a total stranger that you're "sick and tired of salad," today.

Pisces — Excellent day to go half-barefoot. One shoe only.

Dorm Brewed To Perfection

The Story Of An Underage RA And Beermaking On Campus

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH

News Editor

"From man's sweat and God's love, beer came into the world." —Saint Arnold of Metz, the patron saint of brewers

On Sunday during fall break my junior year, my roommate's friend Jody walked into our bathroom in Mercer Hall.

"Whoa!" she said. "It totally smells like booze in here."

She was right, of course. The scent of alcohol was overpowering. This was my fault and the fault of my roommate. We had stayed up until 4 a.m., brewing.

After months of planning and procrastination, the first batch of "Not Phil's Beer" had been created in my dorm. And despite the beer's name and my being both underage and a resident assistant, I was the mastermind behind its creation.

"Well, we better open the window to get rid of the smell," I told Jody. "We don't want anyone to know that's coming from my room."

"He might have been an admiral, a sultan, or a king/And to his praises we shall always sing/For look what he has done for us. He's filled us up with cheer/God bless Charlie Mops, the man who invented beer!" —Traditional Irish Drinking Song

Beer. The favored drink of college students everywhere and subject of many fine documentaries like "Animal House." However, brewing is nothing new, and beer has been around for over 10,000 years, well predating the first college, Plato's academy, by about 8,000 years.

In the Middle Ages in Europe, because of brewing guilds, everyone seemed to be making some. Indeed, an Irishman once told me that God made beer to keep the Irish from conquering the world. It worked, as far as I can tell.

Practically anywhere there was grain and humans, there was beer.

Now, 90 percent of U.S. beer comes from six companies, and the larger companies are producing about 60 million barrels of it each year.

My roommate and I? Well, we've made about five gallons.

"A woman drove me to drink and I didn't even have the decency to thank her." — W.C. Fields

It all began two summers ago when I purchased "Brewing Made Easy" for \$3 at a discount bookstore.

"You're never going to guess what I'm going to do this semester," I told my girlfriend Katy.

"Do I even want to know?" she said. "I'm going to brew my own beer."

"But you're underage, and you don't even like the taste," she pointed out.

Both of these were valid points, but I told her not to worry. I probably forgot my plan by the time school began. She agreed. She knew me after all.

I pretty much did forget about it, until a month or so later. Under "Beer Homebrewing Equipment and Supplies" on the yellow pages, I found a store that was about five blocks from my school and sold everything a young brewer could want. A friend and I decided to go. Kat looked perturbed.

"You told me you'd forget about this," she said. "You could lose your job."

My friend and I left. Kat looked too, to laugh at us, she said.

"Sometimes when I reflect back on all the beer I drink I feel as if I'm dead. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes

and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself, 'It is better that I drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver.' —Jack Handy

The store was essentially full of gardening equipment, except two aisles containing beer and wine making supplies. Malts, hops and all different types of yeasts lined the shelves. My friend and I were completely lost, and Kat stood far enough away so that no one would think she was with us, yet close enough to watch.

An employee, who said he was a student at the college, and he asked us where we were going to brew.

"In the dorms," we said.

"Nice!" he replied, and he told us the entire dorm would smell when we began brewing.

I didn't pay too much attention to this. I was worried about buying the equipment, since I was under 21, but the employee was very helpful.

"You don't have to be 21 to make it, just to drink it," he reassured us.

I had no clue what I was buying, but I took his word entirely. He told us about hydrometers, primary fermenters, and all kinds of crazy things. All I know is after plunking down \$70, I was now the proud owner of a Brewer's Best brewing kit and another kit to make English Brown Ale.

I had no clue what to do with the stuff, and I was beginning to get worried. I was a resident assistant, after all, and I didn't want to get in trouble. Resident Assistants are supposed to keep other people from drinking in the dorms, not make alcohol in them. My friend and I agreed not to tell anyone, a promise that we both broke. We couldn't keep our mouths shut.

"Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants to see us happy." —Benjamin Franklin

To continue my plan, I had to work out a few wrinkles. First, there were the ethical dilemmas of being a good RA and also making alcohol. Second, I was worried about the example I would set.

Fast Fact:

Saturday mail delivery in Canada was eliminated by Canada Post on February 1, 1969.



Photo Courtesy Robert Bowen

The author, brewing.

I also didn't want to get in trouble and get fired. Most importantly, I needed to think up a name for my beer.

I resolved the ethical dilemmas under the pretext that I wouldn't drink what I had created, except maybe a sip. I also realized I couldn't make this when everyone was around, and thus, I wouldn't set a bad example.

As a code name, my friends and I decided to use the term Kool-Aid instead of beer. We figured out that no one would ever know we were making alcohol if we didn't explicitly say beer.

Based on the Code of Virginia, the illegality of what we were about to do was cleared up. Under state law, people under 21 can't possess alcohol, but there are several exceptions. One of these lets people under 21 have and consume alcohol if they make it themselves for noncommercial purposes. As far as the law was concerned, if I made it myself, I could drink it myself.

However, the issue of college policy still was sticky. I searched the student handbook for any rule or regulation mentioning making alcohol, and I couldn't find anything. Based on this, I figured that no one had ever done it before, because knowing Mary Washington College, as soon as someone did, there would be some rule against it.

Although college alcohol law was based on state law, it said that no one under 21 could have alcohol for any reason, which I think includes even if someone goes through the work of making it themselves!

However, my roommate Rob and I figured out a solution. Actually, I figured out a solution, and because he went along with whatever I suggested, he agreed to it. Rob was 21, and he could possess alcohol on campus. We decided that until the Kool-Aid had alcohol in it, it was mine. After we added the yeast, and the fermentation

-people under 21 can't possess alcohol, but there are several exceptions. One of these lets people under 21 have and consume alcohol if they make it themselves...

Phillip Griffith

"We brewers don't make beer, we just get all the ingredients together and the beer makes itself." —Fritz Maytag, President Anchor Brewing

Our first step was sterilizing everything. We read that even the slightest bacteria can get into a vat of beer, called a wort, and ruin everything. This would have been a problem, because we didn't have a bathtub or other large area for cleaning. However, anticipating this, Rob and I went and bought a giant tub.

After cleaning all the equipment, we measured out two gallons of water, splitting it all over the kitchen floor in the process, and added it to a huge aluminum pot. We were supposed to put some crushed grains in the little bag I had, but I lost the bag. We figured out this problem by commandeering one of Rob's shirts, although, this ruined his shirt, and he wasn't too happy about that. We all have to make sacrifices sometimes. We then tried to heat the grains and the

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Spooks And Ghouls: Ghost Walk Haunts Town



Worth Stokes/Bullet

Ghost Walk participants, Laura Griffiths, Stacy Demkowicz, Dorothy Stevens, and Kim Kovacs

By CATHERINE SHIFLET

Staff Writer



The last time the Free Lance-Star dealt with a ghost was in the 1970s, but thanks to the Mary Washington College Historic Preservation Club, the newspaper office will be re-haunted Nov. 1 and 2.

"Back in the 1970s, the Free Lance-Star did a series on a confederate soldier haunting houses in Fredericksburg," junior Kim Geyer, who re-summoned the ghost this year, said.

"The Free Lance-Star actually called in a psychic to talk to the ghost. He didn't realize the war had ended."

Geyer and her ghost are but part of the Historic Preservation Club's Ghost Walk, a fundraiser in which students act out the city's ghost stories for the public. In its 18th year, Ghost Walk will break tradition to tell this new story along with many familiar ones.

According to event co-chair Heather McDonald, the two-night event is the culmination of a seven-month long planning process to get the undead back on the streets of Fredericksburg. It all began in April, when three elected co-chairs Geyer, McDonald, and sophomore Michelle Heimiller, quickly got to work on their task.

"There's pressure to succeed," McDonald said a week before the event will take place.

She indeed follows a successful year. Senior Annie Milnes, Historic Preservation Club president and past Ghost Walk chair, estimated that the club made \$5,850 telling scary stories in October 2001.

However, the officers have more money to spend on Ghost Walk this year. Geyer said the three heard about Mary Washington College's

new Fall into Fridays initiative, a program sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Community Services (OSACS), a program that grants organizations \$1000 for hosting an event on Friday night. They applied immediately.

Club president Milnes approved of the decision to get the grant.

"Any organization considering doing anything at all should go through OSACS," she said. "Because they have the money."

The grant-money though, necessitated some changes for tour. Since the program requires that events begin on campus, McDonald said Ghost Walk volunteers will drive students and guests from campus to the Fredericksburg Area Museum downtown. Getting off the college vans, patrons may then start the walking tour of Fredericksburg's chilling sites.

To classify as a Fall into Fridays event, Ghost Walk also had to offer something free for students to take home.

"We wanted to do T-shirts, but we had money constraints, and we ran out of time to get sponsors with all these other plans going on," Geyer said. "But we are doing flashlights."

After securing grant money for the event, the three officers set out to initiate change in the program, which has told the same stories for 18 years. They read L.B. Taylor's Ghosts of Fredericksburg, from which the stories are based, and rewrote some lines and stories, not just because of historical inaccuracy but also because of patrons' suggestions.

"On a lot of comment cards, people wrote, 'Does it ever change?'" Geyer said. With the new script, she said, "We hope to get more people and people coming back."

The officers chose the Free Lance-Star story as well as another new tale, that of the "Mystery Man," to spice things up. This tale involves a man dressed all in black who spoke Smythe's Cottage.

Geyer said she believes this story is more exciting than the previous one about a cook dropping dishes, which were "dropped" out of the script.

To make room for the Free Lance-Star's confederate soldier, the officers also cut dead soldier Yip

Lance's Yank from Ghost Walk fame.

McDonald added that the sites will be presented differently this year.

"The biggest change is the actors having more interaction with our group," she said. "It's more like it's unfolding under their eyes."

Hosting the supernatural in Fredericksburg involved much more than rewriting scripts and sites, though. For McDonald and Geyer, it meant reestablishing connections between the club and community groups.

Club president Milnes said, "We have really good connections with the people downtown; that's really where it starts."

The three new officers contacted businesses and homeowners starting in April and continued doing that throughout the summer, re-inviting downtown commercial and residential groups to take part in the fundraiser that has attracted a national magazine's attention.

"Southern Living came up here to take photos last year. We dressed up and went to a site in October," Milnes said.

She did not know if the staged pictures would get printed anytime soon, though.

Geyer mentioned that like Southern Living, downtown groups continue to take interest in Ghost Walk. She said, "A lot of businesses love us coming; it's good business."

According to Geyer, this downtown interest in ghost walk left herself and the other officers with a hard choice: make all the changes in the script, which would get rid of some longtime businesses' sites, or stick with the older stories to allow for the businesses' exposure.

"We decided not change the script as much as we originally wanted to," Geyer said. "It was a tough decision."

Just as the officers took business interests into consideration while planning Ghost Walk, they also studied their target audience. McDonald, serving as publicity chair, studied the community's interests before advertising to them.

"The best thing to do for publicity is to contact the Visitor Center downtown," she said.

At this tourism-based center, McDonald looked at publications like the Weekender to figure out who attends recreational and historical events. Her research pointed her to families.

"I contacted schools. It's a good thing to do with children," she said.

Milnes agreed.

"A lot of times we market it to boy scout troops and elementary schools," she said.

Since many patrons have been children in the past, Geyer said the club offers a tame version of the ghost stories from 5 to 6:30 pm.

"They're scared just by people dressing up," Geyer said.

Ghost Walk tours will depart every ten minutes beginning at 5 pm. Prices are as follows:

\$4 - children and seniors

\$6 - adults

\$3 - MWC students/ MWC faculty & staff

Trouble Is Brewing On Campus

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water. But this is where the other problem was. We didn't have a thermometer. The one I got with my kit had broken. So, at 11:30 p.m., Rob and I were off to Wal-Mart to buy another one, even though they didn't sell the kind we needed. We figured we'd just improvise.

"Not all chemicals are bad. Without chemicals such as hydrogen and oxygen, for example, there would be no way to make water, a vital ingredient in beer."—Dave Barry

After our midnight run to Wal-Mart, we followed all the other directions, kind of. We added the hops and the malts. We now had an official "wort." We boiled for an hour. This produced some weird green, ooze on the sides.

"It looks like rotting moss, that's kind of melting," Rob said.

We didn't know if this stuff was supposed to be there or not.

The entire hall really began to smell like beer, except without the alcohol. As soon as you entered the building, you could smell it.

The other person in the building, Jenn, one of my residents, came out to see what was going on.

"Hey guys," she said. "What are you up to?"

"Oh," I said, flustered. "I'm helping Rob make beer. He's 21 you know."

"Sounds like fun," she said and left. Jenn came back occasionally though, to offer us some empty bottles that we could use in the bottling process.

After we did all this brewing stuff, we had to cool the wort, quickly. Rob and I hadn't really planned for this. We should have read the instructions ahead of time.

Rob raided the refrigerator. There was tons of two-month old ice cream left in there from a program I had with other RAs. He put that in the tub and added water before placing the bucketed wort in. It created a kind of sticky

mess in the tub, but it helped cool our pre-Kool-Aid.

While he did that, I went off to 7-Eleven to buy ice. I was wondering how weird it was to walk into 7-Eleven at 3 a.m. and buy 20 lbs of ice, but I didn't care too much. We needed to cool the wort.

After it cooled, we sprinkled some yeast on it. Fermentation had begun, and Rob was now the owner, technically. Brewing had made us tired, and we went to bed.

"Fermentation may have been a greater discovery than fire."—David Rains Wallace

And that was that really. It made our bathroom smell for a few days, and in a week or so, we were supposed to bottle it. But, we kind of forgot to do that. Also, Not Phil's Beer had some weird stuff floating around in it, and what looked like mold was growing on the top layer.

There it sat until winter break, when we decided to pour it out. We didn't know if what we created was good or not. I took a sip and it was revolting, so I immediately spat it out. I was worried about that mold on the top layer.

Thus, the Kool-Aid went down our sink. It made our room smell like alcohol again, but we didn't care. I blamed the smell on Rob. The beer was his after all.

Not many people can say they've brewed, and far less can say they've done so in a dorm as an undergraduate RA. I still had my job, and I successfully finished up my tour of duty as an RA, which is why I waited to print this.

Also, I think my ethics are still intact. After all, I didn't break any rules, I just bent them. The equipment now sits unused on my dresser, and I also haven't brewed since this whole experience, though I once did try to convince former Police Chief Stanley Beger to try homebrewing.

But you know what? Just the other week, I was in old town again, when I noticed a kit for making Mexican Cerveza. And reader, I bought it.



Commuting Student Association

We will be having our next meeting November 7th at 5 in the Tan Lounge. This meeting will be a follow-up meeting to our last meeting about parking. We will discuss additional parking problems, suggestions, and solutions. All commuters are welcome to attend even if you were not able to attend the last meeting.

Spirit Rock

Please do not use Spray Paint on the Spirit Rock and remember that when you paint on the rock you are subject to the community standards at MWC.

Press Secretary

Want to be Press Secretary? Contact SGA at sga@mwc.edu or call x1150.

ARH Secretary

The Association of Residence Halls is looking for a Secretary. Pick up an application at the Info Desk in the Campus Center. Applications are due November 19th.

Tips For Making Your Own Home Brew

Roxbury Mill Farm and Garden Center (www.roxburyfarmgarden.com) in Fredericksburg sells all the supplies you'll need.

If you're brewing on campus, try to do it when few people are around; otherwise, you might get in trouble if you're underage, even though it is perfectly legal.

Sports

the latest athletic news and information

schedule

Cross Country

Nov. 9: CAC Championships
at York College

Field Hockey

Nov. 6: CAC Championships
TBA

Men's Soccer

Nov. 3: vs. Gallaudet University

Volleyball

Nov. 2: at Lynchburg College

Women's Soccer

Oct. 31: vs. Catholic University

scores

Cross Country

Oct. 26: Gettysburg Invitational
5th place: Men
6th place: Women

Field Hockey

Oct. 26: Salisbury University
L 5-1

Men's Soccer

Oct. 27: York College
W 2-1

Volleyball

Oct. 25: Salisbury University
W 3-2

Women's Soccer

Oct. 26: Johns Hopkins Univ.
L 2-1

athlete of the week

Renee Liers Women's Rugby

**Freshman scored
three tries in the
team's game
against Longwood.**



Photo Courtesy of Courtney St. John

The Eagles scrum down against Virginia Tech in one of their games this weekend during the Ed and Sandy Lee Tournament.

Ruggers Play Strong in Tournament

Women's Rugby Places Fourth Despite Injuries

By KIM WOODS

Special to the Bullet

The Mary Washington College women's rugby team's season has been plagued with more injuries than the campus has budget woes.

The team lost seniors Stephanie Pfleum, Susie Hobbs, Emily Grogg and other players such as Kristen Machado, Sarah Doninich and Marie Zezula.

However, head coach Bill Lucks said, "[I've] been pleasantly surprised at how well we've been able to recover from the loss of some key players to injury this season. For example, Lydia Frost, in only her second season, has stepped in at fly half and done a great job."

The team showed resilience this past weekend as they travelled to Roanoke and placed fourth in the Virginia Rugby Union annual Ed and Sandy Lee Tournament.

The state tournament determines the qualifiers and seeding for the Mid-Atlantic Rugby Football Union tournament in the spring season.

The women's team started off with a first round shutout victory against Longwood University Saturday morning, outscoring them 57-0.

Freshman wing Renee Liers scored three tries and opposite side wing Caitlin Kelly scored two. Sophomore Katie Miller added strong defensive play and scored the only forward try in the game.

The second game of the day was against Virginia Rugby Union powerhouse, James Madison University, who finished in the top eight among Division I teams in the nation last year and won the state tournament this year.

The Ruggers hung tough and showed resilience in a David and Goliath like second round matchup, but inevitably lost

to JMU by a score of 65-0.

"While we lost a number of caliber seniors last year and have faced a number of losses due to injury this season, I am confident that the team will do well next semester," assistant coach Kris Kabza said. "The depth of the team is incredible. I played 18 different forwards in the tournament. This is a good indication of the strength we should have in the spring."

In the final game on Sunday, the Eagles battled Virginia Tech into sudden death overtime after neither team was able to put any points on the board through two halves of play. The Hokies dominated the first half of play. The Hokies dominated the first half of play with major advantages in time of possession and field position.

However, the Eagles defense, led by Miller, stood strong after several goal line stands in the first half. In the second

half the Ruggers countered and moved the ball, but were unable to score.

Virginia Tech quickly capitalized in sudden death overtime, scoring a try in the corner to win the game, 5-0.

The loss was a disappointment for the team, but was a vast improvement from the previous blowout loss to Virginia Tech earlier in the season.

The Ruggers could also find solace in the fact that they started seven rookies in the game and came as close as they did to beating a formidable division I opponent.

"While MWC didn't win the tournament, they finished the highest among the Division II teams, giving them the number one seed from the Virginia Rugby Union into the Mid-Atlantic tournament. I was very pleased with the overall performance of the team," Kabza said.

Johns Hopkins Slips Past MWC, 2-1

Women's Soccer Team Gets Lone Score From Senior Rachelle Chretien

By CORY TEMPLEMAN

Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College soccer field looked more like a giant slip and slide than a field of play Saturday afternoon as the women's soccer team stumbled to a 2-1 loss to non-conference foe Johns

Hopkins University.

Several players commented that the standing water caused by a soaking rain the night before made play more difficult than usual.

"It felt like we were a step slower than usual as we tried to compensate for the conditions of the field," junior forward and captain Jess Hewitt said.

After the opening whistle, it appeared that the Eagles would dominate the contest. At 1:33 into the first half, senior forward Rachelle Chretien scored on the receiving end of a free kick from forward Joann Walker, giving MWC an early 1-0 lead.

"It was really nice to score because I had been hurt for most of the season with an ankle injury and it was great to come back and score and help the team," Chretien said.

After Chretien's tally it seemed that the wet field conditions made it difficult for both teams to get into a groove offensively.

JHU and MWC combined for only eight shots in the first half, which resulted in a battle of the defenses for

majority of the half.

Finally, with 9:16 remaining in the half, JHU defender Laura Bower sent a cross from the right to forward Meg McIntosh who found the back of the goal just past the outstretched arms of MWC goalie Mary Elizabeth Fulco, knotting the game at one a piece going into

overtime. "We were really inconsistent on both sides of the ball after Rachelle [Chretien] scored early in the game. It seemed as if we just stopped playing and let them control things, which you can't do against a good team like Johns Hopkins," head coach Kurt Glaser said.

The second half proved to be a turning point for the JHU offense as they continued to spread the ball around, covering enough acreage to build a small farm on.

Less than three minutes into the half, JHU midfielder Kathleen Turley narrowly missed a wide open breakaway as her shot went wide.

This pattern of narrow misses continued for JHU as they were able to get 12 shots off in the second half. If not for the heads-up play of Fulco, the game could have been a blowout.

Countless players on the Eagles offense and defense had trouble keeping their footing on the slick turf, and the JHU offense was able to capitalize and continue to assault Fulco with shot after shot.

With 25:00 left in the contest, JHU midfielder Erin Sosa worked the ball to the front of the goal where McIntosh was

there to clean up the mess and record her second score of the game.

From there the JHU defense kept the Eagles offense at bay, run out the clock and escape with the 2-1 win.

"We've been playing really hard, but not pretty soccer. We can't be satisfied with just beating teams within our conference, we have to step up and push ourselves to beat those teams outside the conference for us to get to the next level," Glaser said.

For the Eagles, the on-set frustration seemed to take a toll on their game plan.

"We really tried hard and the effort was certainly there, but we couldn't seem to execute our game plan like we wanted to," Glaser said.

For Chretien, the lone senior for MWC, her first goal of the season was bittersweet in light of the defeat on Senior Day.

"I always try to tell the team to look for the silver lining when you lose, and today if was that Rachelle scored in her first game back and that she gave us a big lift early in the game. Unfortunately, we couldn't finish it for her," Glaser said.

With the win, JHU moves to 11-5-1 on the year while the Eagles fall to 11-4-1.

MWC wraps up its regular season Thursday Oct. 31 at the Battlegrounds against Catholic University before the Capital Athletic Conference Tournament, which begins Nov. 2.



Nan Freeman/Bullet

Junior Elise Fasick fights her defender.

Angels Win 'Wild West' Shootout

Barry Bonds Denied In His First Attempt At World Series Victory

COMMENTARY BY TOM BORAK

Staff Writer

The Anaheim Angels are the 2002 World Series Champions.

Six months ago, this statement would have drawn laughs from baseball fans across the country.

Who would have believed that the Angels, who finished 41 games out of first place in 2001, would have a shot at the playoffs, let alone a World Series title in 2002? As Angels' center fielder Darin Erstad squeezed Kenny Lofton's fly ball for the final out, the Cinderella Angels did just that, taking the World Series from Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants in seven games.

This was the first World Series appearance by the Angels in 41 years of franchise history. It was also the first World Series appearance of Barry Bonds' career.

A lot was made of Bonds' first appearance in a World Series, and rightfully so. Bonds, who will win the National League MVP award this year, will become the only player in the history of Major League Baseball to win MVP honors four times. Despite this unprecedented statistic, the Giants' superstar entered the playoffs with a reputation as a post-season flop.

Prior to this year, his career numbers in the post season consisted of a .196 batting average with only one homer in 27 post-season games.

Bonds quickly silenced the critics, belting a record eight home runs while batting .356 with 16 RBI's in 17 games this year.

In the World Series, Bonds set records for most home runs in a seven game series (four), most runs scored (eight), and highest on-base percentage (.700).

He also set the career record for most intentional walks by a single player in World Series history with seven.

To put this in perspective, consider that the great Yankee power-hitter, Mickey Mantle, played in 65 World Series games in his career, hit 18 homers, walked 43 times, knocked in 40 RBI's and collected 123 total bases. Though he holds the World Series record in each of these offensive categories, Bonds passed him in intentional walks in one seven-game series.

While Bonds got the post-season monkey off his back so to speak, the Giants bullpen could not handle the remaining 50,000 plus monkeys in attendance throughout the Series.

The Angels' good luck charm of sorts, the infamous Rally Monkey, made its presence felt at each and every game. Most notably, perhaps, in Game Six, when the Angels overcame a five run deficit in the seventh inning to force Game Seven.

With the Angels threatening with men on first and second, the Giants went to their bullpen for the right-handed flame-thrower, Felix Rodriguez.

Scott Spiezio greeted him with a three-run homer to cut the lead to two. Darin Erstad led off the 8th inning with a solo shot of his own, and after two more base hits off of middle-reliever Todd Worrell, the Giants went to their closer, Rob Nen.

Nen served up a two-run double to World Series MVP, Troy Glaus, capping the Angels amazing comeback and ultimately closing the door on San



Photo Courtesy of www.espn.com

Members of the Angels dugout celebrate their victory.

Francisco.

The Angels' victory means more to the baseball than just another good story for the ages. They

have proven that a small-market team can compete in today's game of free agency and open-wallet policy.

They have overcome those obstacles, winning with a core of players who were developed and brought up through the Anaheim farm system.

No a single player on the Angels' post-season roster had ever played in a World Series game. The Angel with the longest tenure, Tim Salmon, spent ten years on a perennial cellar-dwelling ball

club, not once asking to be traded.

They played as a team with a common goal in mind, to achieve a level of greatness never before experienced by the players or the franchise.

They played through the shadow of the Oakland A's during the regular season to clinch the Wild Card. They played through the skepticism of the media, mowing down the mighty Yankees and the upstart Twins to win the American League Pennant.

They played

through seven games against Barry Bonds and a potent Giants' offense to emerge as the World Series Champions of the 2002 season.



Photo Courtesy of www.espn.com

Despite the brilliant play of Barry Bonds, the Giants were still unable to capture the title.

Sports Wire

Compiled by Liz Keller



Smith Earns All Time Rushing Record

Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith became the all-time rushing leader in the NFL on Sunday when he ran for a season-high 109 yards against the Seattle Seahawks. Smith passed the late Walter Payton who rushed for 16,726 yards in 13 seasons with the Chicago Bears. Smith, who is in his 13th year in the NFL, increased his career total to 17,743 yards while scoring his 150th career rushing touchdown in the Cowboys 17-14 loss.

Angels Claim World Series Title

The Anaheim Angels defeated the San Francisco Giants 4-1 on Sunday, winning their first-ever World Series title in their 42-year history. Pitcher John Lackey led the Angels to victory, becoming just the second rookie in MLB history to win Game 7 of the Series. Leftfielder Garret Anderson hit a double in the third inning to drive in three runs for Anaheim. The Angels celebrated their magical season on Tuesday with a parade at Disneyland.

NBA Season Begins

The NBA tipped off its regular season on Tuesday with one of the biggest matchups of the night between the Los Angeles Lakers and the San Antonio Spurs. With the absence of starters Shaquille O'Neal and Rick Fox, the Lakers were unable to get the job done, losing 87-82. In the East, a healthy Grant Hill led the Orlando Magic to a 95-88 win over the Philadelphia 76ers. Tracy McGrady added 31 points for the Magic while Allen Iverson put up 18 points in the Sixers loss.

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Issues

a closer look...

ISSUE: Should the United States Go to War with Iraq?

Compiled by:
C. Ruth Cassell/Issues Editor
Worth Stokes/Assistant Photo Editor

Quotes

"We can't allow the world's worst leaders to blackmail, threaten, hold freedom-loving nations hostage with the world's worst weapons."

George W. Bush/U.S. President

"The threat from Saddam Hussein and weapons of mass destruction—chemical, biological, potentially nuclear weapons capability—that threat is real."

Tony Blair/British Prime Minister

"We have no such weapons at all, no chemical weapons, no biological weapons."

Mohammed Aldouri/Iraqi Ambassador to the U.S.

"As soon as one nation claims the right to take preventive action, other countries will naturally do the same. If we go down that road, where are we going?"

Jacques Chirac/French President

"We all say no to war, we are all for justice and peace. But sometimes in order to maintain peace, armed action is necessary. But we hope it won't be the case."

Silvio Berlusconi/Italian Prime Minister

"The question is the morning after. What sort of Iraq do we wake up to after the bombing? What happens in the region? What impact could it have? These are questions leaders I have spoken to have posed."

Kofi Annan/UN Secretary General

"We believe that it [an U.S. attack against Iraq] would open the gates of hell in the Middle East."

Amr Moussa/Secretary general of the Arab League

Timeline courtesy of www.ca/news.html

Timeline...

March 1991: Following the Persian Gulf War, a ceasefire imposes sanctions on Iraq and the dispatching of UN weapons inspectors.

April 1991: A no-fly zone is established and the U.S. orders an end to all military activity in northern Iraq.

June 27, 1993: In response to an aborted assassination attempt against former president George Bush by the Iraqis, the U.S. launches a cruise missile attack on Iraqi intelligence headquarters.

December 1996: Iraq accepts a United Nations Security Council resolution that allows for oil exports to be sold in response for food and medicine.

October 1998: Iraqi authorities stop working with UN weapons inspectors.

December 1998: UN weapons inspectors are evacuated from Iraq. Between Dec. 17-19, U.S. launches Operation Desert Fox, a bombing campaign in response to the conflict over weapons inspectors.

February 2001: The U.S. and Britain bomb Iraq in an effort to weaken Iraq's air defense network.

September 2001: A week before the terrorist attacks on the U.S. on Sept. 11, the U.S. bombs southern Iraq over a no-fly zone dispute.

October 2001: U.S. President George W. Bush states publicly the War on Terrorism will span beyond Afghanistan's borders.

January 2002: In his state of the union address President Bush says Iraq continues plotting to develop weapons of mass destruction.

February 2002: Responding to anti-aircraft fire, the U.S. and Britain strike Iraq with bombs in the northeast.

July 2002: Several American newspapers publish reports about military planning for an attack on Iraq.

August 2002: Iraq invites UN weapons inspectors to resume talks about inspections. Britain dismisses the offer as simply a "game." In a televised address, Saddam says an attack against Iraq will result in a "disgraceful failure," for the "forces of evil." Iraqi opposition leaders intent on overthrowing Hussein meet with high-ranking figures in the Bush administration.

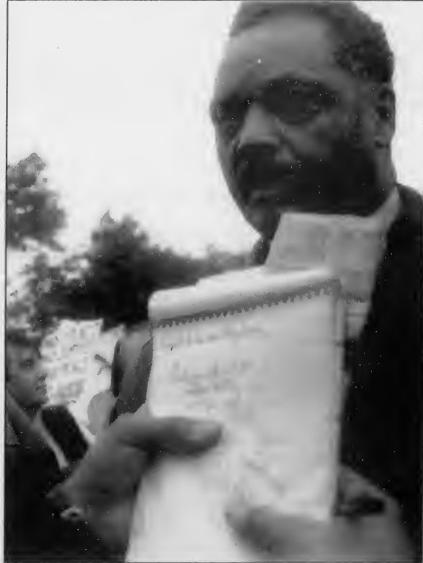
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"No to dictatorship. Yes to Democracy in Iraq!" Demonstrators chanting on their way to the Lincoln Memorial where groups converged before starting the march.



Mary Washington College students, concerned citizens from across the nation, and political leaders gathered with local residents in Washington, D.C. Saturday, October 26 to protest war in Iraq.



MWC Students Protest The War On Iraq In Nation's Capital

* see DUMPSTER, page 5

Student Tells Play-by-play of Saturday's Protests

By MICHAEL STEELE
Guest Columnist



Saturday: October 26, 2002: Anti-War Protests in Washington, D.C.

3:00 p.m.

The march begins. It circles around the White House, overflowing the streets of the capital. The chants fill the air.

"What does democracy sound like? This is what democracy sounds like. What does democracy look like? This is what democracy looks like."

"...We don't want your bloody war. ...End the killing, end the hate."

Imagine downtown Washington, D.C. stopped. Well over 100,000 people making their way past the Corcoran. Small children laughing, running through the crowd, swerving around old women, who walk arm-in-arm to help themselves along. Imagine punks, hippies, businessmen and women in suits, parents pushing strollers.

8:00 a.m.

The Human Rights Club of Mary Washington College organized a trip for interested students to march against the impending war with Iraq. 8:00 a.m. was the designated time of departure. The demonstration was scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m. and we wanted to be there before it began.

I couldn't decide exactly what caused it, but there was uneasiness among us. There was drowsiness within the group, yet at the same time anticipation. I drove a group of four freshmen, who all remained fairly quiet on the way to the Franconia/Springfield Metro station. The weather was a factor I think, because the layer of clouds, mist, and fog blocked the sun entirely.

9:15 a.m.

We were slightly behind schedule, but still early enough to get parking at the Metro station. Parking is free on the weekends there, so we knew it would be packed. The organizers of the demonstration were estimating up to 100,000 people, which would make this the largest Anti-war protest since the Vietnam.

9:30 a.m.

The train ride on the blue line from Franconia/Springfield to the Smithsonian station takes about 45 minutes. It provided enough time for some of us to fall asleep and for others to talk.

At a protest-planning meeting of the Human Rights Club last Thursday night, there had been some discussion about the opinion pieces published in the last edition of *The Bullet* referencing the spray-painting of the rock with

"War = Terrorism..."

"Basically, people have the right to say whatever they want, but if you're going to resort to name calling, you don't have an argument. There are better ways to bring across what you want to say," said Joe Thornhill, senior, Human Rights Club member and member of Food Not Bombs.

"I personally hope they [the authors of the editorials] attended some of the events we [the Human Rights Club] held this week, because there were many rational arguments made on both sides that I thought were constructive."

The meetings earlier in the week were held on campus and addressed the Human Rights Club's stance on the impending war on Iraq. The majority of the representation was from the anti-war point of view, but members from the College Republicans and other students with opposing views attended and expressed their opinions.

On the subway, Grant Whelan, senior and Human Rights Club member, also commented on the guest column that was printed in *The Bullet*.

"The idea that war equals terrorism I take that to mean that anything that causes terror, that relies on fear, like bombing people, killing children, wide spread massacres of innocent people, would be terrorism in the sense that it inspires fear for political gain," Whelan said.

"That would be war. I don't divide the two. The editorial made the point that the American revolutionaries weren't terrorists. Of course, had we lost the war we would have gone down in history as being the colonial uprising, the colonial terrorists. The Boston Tea Party was a terrorist act, it was destruction of English property. But we remember it as heroic."

Whelan wasn't just upset with the authors but he holds *The Bullet* partially responsible.

"I thought it [the guest column] was idiotic and I don't think it should have been printed in our paper. I think when you read an editorial like that as an editor, you can identify name calling, and inflammatory language, and I personally would rather see blank pages, or another crossword, or some write up about Vermeer than see an editorial that's going to do nothing but reinforce ideas that are overrepresented on our campus. The people that painted the rock are obviously the minority," he said.

The freshmen students who rode with me were quiet, but I wanted to get them to talk as well. I wanted to know what makes college kids get out of bed early on Saturday to travel up to Washington, D.C. and participate with thousands of others to express their rights.

"Basically I believe that we will ultimately go to war, it seems they're pretty set on that, however we need to make known the consequences of that war and that there are other options that they [Bush administration] are ignoring," freshman Ricky Moore said.

For many in the group this was their first experience at a protest. Sophomore Jonathan Yonce was among them.

"I'm not too sure what to expect," Yonce said. "There is that stereotype of protests, having to run from the cops, but I'm looking to go out and be able to say I did something on my part to do something to stop the possible war in Iraq."

10:30 a.m.

As the escalator lifted us out of the subway, a

massive rain drop slammed into my scalp and ran down my face. It was still raining. I imagined the day going on like this. I thought of senior citizens in the march getting violently ill, catching pneumonia. Would the protest be adversely affected by the weather? The gravel on the mall was decimated by puddles, and the sky seemed eternally gray. Damply, we made our way to the Vietnam Memorial.

11:30 a.m.

After having broken up into groups, we dispersed into the crowd. It didn't take long for the backs and bottoms of my jeans to get caked in mud. I was sure that this along with the rain would kill the spirits of some individuals, but as I looked around the crowd, all I saw were smiles, laughs, and peace signs.

The sun slowly came out and I could really see the people, the thousands upon thousands of people. Old women and college students, holding signs together; entire families, mothers, fathers, babies. Christian groups for peace, gay and lesbian groups for peace, and Islamic groups for peace all gathered together. Liberals and conservatives, every group, every age and every color ready to spend the day with each other. They had all come here at the same time, for the same reason. This was democracy. This was America.

As the Reverend Al Sharpton so

beautifully said in his speech addressing this sea of people, "I wish George [Bush] could be here today to see what America really looks like."

My now small group of five students moved through the crowd visiting vendors and informational booths set up around the site. After picking up pamphlets and buttons, and the all important picket signs, we met up with the rest of the Mary Washington College group. While spending some time relaxing and getting ready for the speakers, we did some people-watching.

Uncle Sam walked by on a pair of stilts waving a sign reading, "No More War." Vibrant colors and costumes lined the lake front park.

1:00 p.m.

There was an announcement over the loud speaker. The number in attendance was estimated to already be at 100,000 with a large number of buses still coming from New York. The march hadn't even started yet. A number of celebrity speakers addressed the crowd until the march itself began. Ben Cohen of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream,

Susan Sarandon, and Rev. Jesse Jackson all spoke.

Cohen made the point that this war is estimated to cost the United States \$2 billion, and while on the brink of economic recession, this may not be the best time to use that money for war on Iraq. As a business man, Cohen related the budget of the United States, pointing out that for half of the money it would cost to go to war, the standard of living could be greatly increased, the environment could be better protected, and schools could be far better equipped.

As we walked to get closer to the stage, we passed an evolving art installation that consisted of white body bags. Viewers were encouraged to lie in a body bag. Dozens of individual Americans were inside of body bags, lying on the grass and staring up into the now bright sun, experiencing death amidst all the life around them. I got into one, as did several of my companions. The experience, to onlookers and participants, made the possibility of war more real.

3:00 p.m.

"1,2,3,4. We don't want your bloody war. 5,6,7,8. End the killing, end the hate."

We walk along the side of the march in order to get a better look at everything going on, but eventually make our way into the crowd. We walk slowly at first, but pick up speed, as the voices grow louder.

Onlookers from the above office buildings shout in either celebration of our efforts, or in complete disdain. Some slam their windows shut in protest of our protest. Down the street I can see the demonstrations in support of the war, screaming chants and waving banners.

I see protests as the most direct form of democracy and the ideals of this country. They are a direct form of debate and expression of political ideas. Peaceful demonstrations and gatherings to discuss viewpoints opposing the war, making this a free country.

5:00 p.m.

By this time, the march is dispersing and the people are obviously exhausted, but there is still a sense of togetherness and energy in the demonstrators. Many, however, including my group, leave in exhaustion. The day had come full circle. The drowsiness of the morning gave way to jubilation at the march, and now we found ourselves worn out, making the trip back to Fredericksburg. The metro station was packed when we got there, and only got worse as we waited for our train.

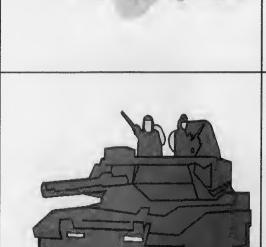
I was standing shoulder to shoulder with strangers in the bleak, modern-cavern that is the Smithsonian station. I heard a flute player. A sweet melody filled the station and I saw him, across the tracks on the opposite platform, sitting, and softly playing.



1) How have we gotten here?

"Al Qaeda is a clear threat, has been, is, and will be. That's where we should be focusing our attention. And whatever help we might get in the region from countries now, we might not get that help if we make them angry over our decision to invade Iraq. I feel that the Bush administration hasn't really thought this through very well. This is going to be harder, much harder than Afghanistan, in the short term and the long term."

Stephen Farnsworth/
Associate Professor of Political Science



1) How have we gotten here?

Executive Director of the College Republicans, Michael Hubin, junior, thinks the U.S. has three reasons to attack Iraq:

1) Saddam Hussein has killed his own people.

2) He is a threat to regional security in the Middle East and thus a threat to U.S. national security both because of possible terrorist attacks and U.S. dependence on Iraqi oil supplies.

3) It is the duty of the U.S. as an international player to intercede on behalf of Iraqi people.

Michael Hagan/
Executive Director of MWC Republicans

2) Domestic Concerns

"I think the Bush administration is being run by dangerous people who have very little respect for international law."

"I was very pleased to see a number of Mary Washington College students and faculty members at the protests."

Rallis, said that he thinks it is crucial for students to speak on issues of national importance and that there is far too little activism on campus. He would like to see more activity in this manner, no matter what the opinions are.

Donald Rallis/
Associate Professor of Geography

2) Domestic Concerns

"If we were to go to war, it would cost money, but not a lot of money; it would cause an increase in the budget deficit, but not that large of an increase in the budget deficit."

Steven Greenlaw/
Professor of Economics

Mary Washington College Republicans, Chairman Josh Morris and Executive Director Michael Hagan said that they think that Sept. 11 was the spark for going after nations like Iraq. However, they do not think that the link between the attacks on the World Trade Center and the present impending war with Iraq is not made internationally or that the reason will be used in the future in the United States.

3) International Concerns

"This is very dangerous, and international law bans it."

For 2 reasons:

1."We should care about international law because we are a law abiding people."

2."We are the biggest player on the block. For us to flout or ignore international law means other countries will too."

"If we have war with Iraq, and if the U.N. doesn't endorse it, (which probably will happen), then we will have a world in which states are far more likely to invade their neighbors if they think that can win and if they think they're a threat."

Jason Davidson/Asst. Prof. of Political Science

Josh Morris/
Chairman of MWC Republicans

"If you look at the major economic supporters of Iraq, like France, Germany and Russia, you will see that they enjoy a capital inflow into their nation. What they're forgetting is that their economic inflow would be interrupted if Hussein got control of the Middle East."

Michael Hagan/
Executive Director of MWC Republicans

Opinions: Everybody's Got One

Head of College Republicans Sees Saddam as Big Threat

By JOSH MORRIS
Guest Columnist

One of the most important issues facing the United States today is the question of how to deal with Saddam Hussein and his Iraqi regime. The leftists of the nation are adamantly opposed to going to war to solve the conflict of interests between the two countries. They would like to see the conflict resolved through the United Nations in a diplomatic form, or by other non-violent means. The other side of the debate, the conservative side, believes that armed conflict is the only means we have left to deal with the threat Saddam Hussein poses to his people, his region, the United States, and the world.

I agree with the anti-war people in that the United Nations should be used whenever possible to avoid war. All non-violent options such as this should be looked into before the decision is made to send American sons and daughters into harm's way. However, I think that in the case of Iraq, civil diplomacy has run its course.

Saddam Hussein signed a terms of surrender to end the Gulf War in 1991. One of the stipulations of this agreement required Saddam to dismantle his weapons of mass destruction programs. The U.N. sent in weapons inspectors into Iraq to make sure that Saddam was complying with the U.N. stipulations, but much to the dismay of the world Saddam kicked out the inspectors before their work was finished in 1998.

There is some evidence that indicates that Saddam was hiding weapons of mass destruction even while the inspectors were in the country, moving them around the country on 18-wheelers. The United Nations, since 1991, has passed some 16 resolutions trying to make Iraq comply. Saddam has consistently ignored each and every one of them. We have attempted to use the United Nations as a means of dealing with Iraq for the past 11 years. The last time Saddam complied with anything was during the Gulf War, which coincidentally was the last time force was used against him on a large scale. Force is the only method of dealing with Saddam that has a history of success. Attempting to pass yet another weak resolution defies history and logic.

Conflict should never be a first resort, but we have reached the end of the line with Saddam Hussein. He has shown no compassion for his own people, he has shown willingness to use weapons of mass destruction (chemical and biological weapons), and has shown a desire to acquire nuclear weapons. I believe that the difference between strong and swift action now as opposed to later is the difference between taking on a ruthless dictator without nuclear capabilities as opposed to one with them.



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MWC Republicans
Chairman Josh Morris

Executive Director Outlines Republican Argument

By MICHAEL HAGAN
Guest Columnist

The American Heritage Dictionary of the English language defines terrorist as: The unlawful use or threatened use of force or violence by a person or an organized group against people or property with the intention of intimidating or coercing societies or governments, often for ideological or political reasons. I'll let you make your own decision, but Bush definitely does not fit the profile of a terrorist. I believe it is a safe assumption to make that this message was in direct reference to the swiftly approaching war on Iraq. To me, this suggests that a much-needed clarification is required of why the United States is prosecuting a war on Iraq.

I will put forth three unique reasons why we should prosecute a war on Iraq: Namely, economic reasons, concerns of regional stability, and significant cases of governmental irresponsibility on the part of the Hussein regime.

First, the geographic position of Iraq means they have a huge potential to influence world oil prices. Regional instability in the Middle East, or more importantly, the Arabian Peninsula would spillover into fluctuations in the world supply of oil and consequently fluctuations in the price of oil. While some would argue that the energy reserves of the rest of the world would be more than enough to supplement any demand gap in energy in the short term, they would run out. A pre-emptive attack on Iraq now would prevent this less than satisfactory situation and allow us to avoid a much more costly invasion later.

Second, regional stability in the Middle East is extremely fragile right now. Tensions are already high between Israel and the United States and between Israel and Iraq. Israel very much believes that Iraq is a threat to their national security. These perceptions of threat may be well founded as the last half-century has suggested that other nations in proximity to Israel have no qualms about attacking Israel. But even if there is no well founded threat, the perception of a threat alone is enough to provide another unique reason to attack Iraq now.

Most of the international community knows that Israel does have nuclear weapons even though Israel has not declared it. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon also has shown no qualms in using military force when he feels that national security is threatened. The situation with Palestine has clearly shown this. Put these two factors together and one is led down the rational path to believe that an attack on Iraq would prevent a defensive Ariel Sharon from launching nuclear weapons, which would likely spark an unpredictable situation of nuclear politics yet un-witnessed by the 6 billion people on this earth.

The final reason to initiate an invasion of Iraq now is the blatant demonstration of governmental irresponsibility on the part of the Hussein regime. There are two prime examples of this. The first example was the intentional nerve gas attack on his own Kurdish citizens in the Iran-Iraq war. Second, the creation of a nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) weapons program in Iraq. Responsible nations do not attack their own citizens with weapons of mass destruction like nerve gas. The only reason why the Iraqi citizens do not try to kick out the Hussein regime is because they're too afraid of him.

Responsible nations also do not unilaterally start an NBC weapons program purely for the sake of having the weapons and brandishing them about.

This is by no means a complete discussion of the reasons why we should invade Iraq, this is just a quick sketch limited only by room. There are a considerable amount of other reasons why we should attack Iraq. I would be more than happy to discuss this issue with anybody who disagrees or for that matter agrees, as I do believe that good discussion, and argumentative clash provides for better policy. But for now, this is my story, and I'm sticking to it.



C. Ruth Cassell/Bulletin
Exec. Director
Michael Hagan

MWC College Democrats Counter With Views of Their Own

By LINDSAY BRIGGS and PETER KELLEY

Guest Columnists

Throughout our history, we as Americans have tended to view the leaders of our great nation as patriots. So what is a patriot? A patriot is someone who loves and defends his nation. For the past few months our nation has undergone an extensive debate of whether or not to invade Iraq and her people. And recently the debate has moved on to our own campus.

As most of us know, an unknown student expressed his views towards George W. Bush and the war, on our Spirit Rock. His alleged claim of Bush being a terrorist may have been offensive, extreme and not in concurrence with the views of the College Democrats, but it still does not dispute the fact that we are all patriots and Americans in spite of our differing opinions. As we "some hippy or radical left-wing student(s)" for disagreeing with our current Presidential administration? Are we unpatriotic for exercising the founders' ideals to oppose our government?

As representatives of the Democratic Party, we agree with

the Republicans that Saddam Hussein needs to be held accountable for the atrocities committed, but not through a unilateral war. This would be a direct violation of the United Nations charter. The only legal way to wage war is through a defensive strike. If we choose to go to war with Iraq, not only do we violate international law, we undermine the U.N.'s credibility and the Security Council's integrity, along with risking our relationships with current allies. Saddam's actions have violated U.N. treaties and UN charters concerning nuclear weapons, making this a job for the United Nations, not the United States.

The Bush administration's new radical doctrine of preemption/prevention (both of which are illegal under international law) will set a precedent of how wars are waged in this new century. Where do we draw the line? Who comes next? North Korea? Iran? Anyone else have a complaint? France isn't cooperating, let's invade them! Oh, wait, they have no oil. Ok, on a more serious note, let's put ourselves in someone else's shoes for a minute. How would we respond if this were China wanting to invade Taiwan? They would risk destabilizing the entire region. Now, let's look back at our current situation. We also risk further destabilizing the entire Mid-Eastern region and further hurting the people of

Iraq.

Yes, Saddam Hussein has committed horrible crimes against his own people, but we have not added to that with our fatalsanctions? If we really want to help the "little children", we need lift the sanctions and let the Iraqi citizens have the freedoms that we as patriots talk about defending. Through going to war, the people will again be the victims.

The general public needs to look more closely at the international consequences and reactions that this war will create, not only for other nations, but also for us as citizens. We recognize that war is necessary at times, but is this one of them? This war will only cause more terror towards the United States. If 9/11 taught us anything, it should be that we need to strive for peace. This is what America was founded on and what a true patriot stands for.



C. Ruth Cassell/Bulletin
MWC Democrats:
Secretary Lindsay Briggs
and member Peter Kelley

Everyday Students Speak Out About War Against Iraq

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LaShuan Hardy, senior

"Before we put ourselves out there as the leaders in another war, we need to think about the repacautions."



Iman Bonkououndoum, sophomore

"If the U.S. invades Iraq for oil, it will only bring further strife and volatility to the Middle East."



Aziz Yousuf, senior

"I don't think a unilateral war is a good idea because it makes us look like the aggressor to the Middle East."



Jen Raine, senior

"[Bush is] not willing to go and fight a war in North Korea because they are not on his agenda, Saddam is."



Shahla Chohan, senior

"Initiating a war with Iraq is not going to solve the problem, it will only serve to further the crisis."



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Scene

your guide to entertainment

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▼ Fri. & Sat., Nov. 1 & 2:

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top ten movies

1. Jackass: The Movie
2. The Ring
3. Ghost Ship
4. Sweet Home Alabama
5. My Big Fat Greek Wedding
6. Red Dragon
7. Punch Drunk Love
8. Jonah: A VeggieTale Movie
9. The Transporter
10. Brown Sugar

Opening This Weekend: "I Spy" with Eddie Murphy and Owen Wilson and "The Santa Clause 2: The Mrs. Clause" with Tim Allen

source: www.imdb.com

Quote of the Week

"You're a virgin who can't drive!"

-Tai,
"Clueless"

FAST FACT:

Pearl Jam's name comes from Eddie Vedder's grandmother, Pearl, who made jam out of a hallucinogenic cactus. It was known as Pearl's Jam.

Eavesdropping On 'Conversations'

Helen Mirkil's 'Conversations' Opens at Ridderhof Martin

By AMANDA-KATE JACOBS
Scene Editor

Eavesdropping is a social hobby that can be practiced almost anywhere people are interacting. As college students, we listen in on snippets of our peers' conversations before classes start during lunch in Seacobeck or in the dorm. However, every once in a while we stumble across a piece of information that we cannot ignore, something that gives us a deeper insight into a person than perhaps we should not have known, and yet sheds light into a part of them that usually remains hidden from view.

Walking into Helen Mirkil's exhibit, "Conversations," which opened Oct. 24 at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery, is very much like overhearing various parts of different stories, moments and conversations. The exhibition is a collection of Mirkil's expressionist paintings and collages of various mediums and subjects, however, all of them provide insight into the human psyche.

One of the paintings, "Reverend Nellie," is particularly telling. It depicts an old woman, clearly feeling the effects of age and atrophy. Sara Johnson, a close friend of Mirkil's, told the story behind Nellie. She said that Nellie had been in a car accident on her way to her first year of college. Although the accident left her severely disabled, Nellie rallied and continued her education by attending Yale Divinity School, and eventually became a very well respected reverend.

"Her eyes speak of such determination. She was in Olympic shape when the accident happened, and yet she remained so positive. She is such an amazing person, she truly takes my breath away," Johnson said.

Mirkil's paintings give glimpses of subjects that are sometimes difficult to face, and she paints each painting and topic delicately, and often beautifully so that the true spirit and emotion of the subjects is tangible on any level. Throughout the gallery, depression, old age, neglect and social isolation are visible, however, determination, love and independence are just as apparent.

Like the previous exhibit at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery, "Egg Tempera: An Enduring Tradition," "Conversations" has its own unique historical approach.

"The works included in 'Conversations' are my response to the gifts given to me by some of the artists who enriched my life," Mirkil said.

The majority of Mirkil's works are her personal interpretations of masterpieces by well known artists. For many of these adaptations, framed preliminary sketches are mounted next to the painting, showing Mirkil's transition work from the traditional to the expressionist. The effect is both breathtaking and insightful.

"Not everyone likes expressionist painting. It can make people feel bashful because often the subjects that are revealed are very private ones. They are usually aspects that most people try to hide. It can be a very emotional experience for people," said Tom Somma, Director of Mary Washington College Galleries.

At the opening, many people were drawn to certain paintings, and Somma said that this was one of Mirkil's goals.

"So often people put up walls around them, which makes it difficult to connect one person to another. Art is the catalyst to break down these walls and bring you closer to another person. The root of all wisdom is to know and love another human being," Somma said.



Detail of Mirkil's 'Unto the Least of These'

Pop Goes to Hollywood

By SEBASTIAN FORGUES
Staff Writer

Hollywood pumps out several movies every weekend. Only one in many is worth paying the absurd eight bucks to see. In the midst of Hollywood, there is a desperate attempt to scrape each and every dollar from the American public. It is, what I like to call, the "Pop crossover."

This is the recent phenomenon that Hollywood thinks, "Oh, well if they can put on a show with the help of voice-changing computers, then they are probably Oscar-worthy actors." Unfortunately for them, they have it all wrong.

I will be the first to admit that good acting takes a lot of hard work. Yeah, sometimes people with no talent at all like Ben Affleck and Nicholas Cage get lucky, but for the most part, good actors work hard. To make the assumption that just anyone who is famous can jump in front of a screen and convince a crowd of people is asinine.

Let me begin with a movie called "On the Line," featuring N'Sync's very own Joey Fatone and Lance Bass. Both men have indisputably made it big in the pop industry. So, Hollywood has them star in a movie. Just these two though, because as Lance Bass says, "If you had all five guys of N'Sync, people wouldn't take the movie seriously." I have news for Lance and his bleach blonde tips: no one took it seriously with only two of the five pop stars. The numbers speak for themselves. That movie only made \$2.31 million in one weekend and \$4.36 million after four weeks. That may seem like a lot, but to give a general idea of how poorly that is, "Black Hawk Down" made \$33.63 million in its first weekend. That was a slightly

above average movie. After a short four weeks, "Black Hawk Down" managed to pull in a cool \$86.72 mil.

I digress and will move on to our other examples of an excuse to make money. One of my favorites thus far has to be Mariah Carey. She was big in the early 1990s and eventually people stopped listening to that annoying high-pitched voice of hers. She decided to do a movie about her life. After watching "Oliver," I could not help but understand the measly \$2.5 million in one weekend and only \$4.24 million that movie produced. But for some reason, Mariah cashed a fat \$40 million check on that little number. Amazing, isn't it?

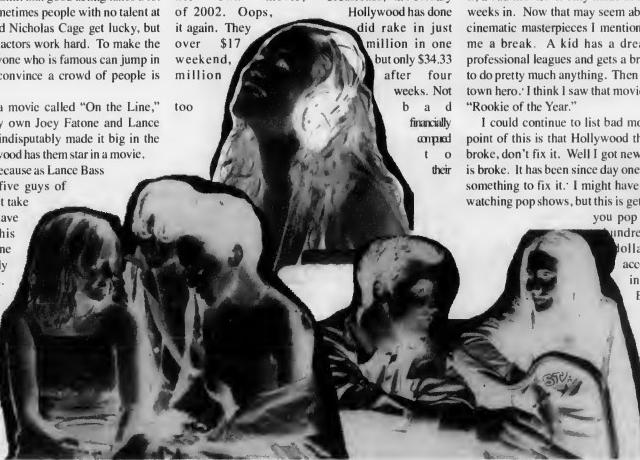
Britney Spears, although a huge pop artist, is also very far from a musical or theatrical genius. She got her own movie, "Crossroads," in February of 2002. Oops, did it again? They did it again in just over \$17 million in one weekend, but only \$34.33 million after four weeks. Not bad financially compared to their

other pop movies. But look at the content of this garbage on the screen. I'm not complaining about a hot blonde dancing around in a tight skirt. Of course, it's just the fact that I don't have to pay eight bucks to see that kind of stuff. She obviously is just a pretty face because her acting did nothing for her. I loved when she said that she really "grew" in making this film. Yeah, she grew all right, from a 32B to a 32D, and that's about it.

I must make one final example to make this picture complete. A movie that came out this summer, "Like Mike," starring Lil' Bow Wow was the icing on the cake. What do you get when you cross a kid who can't rap to save his life and a bad movie idea? You guessed it, a bad movie. It only made about \$46 million four weeks in. Now that may seem above average for our cinematic masterpieces I mentioned before, but give me a break. A kid has a dream to play in the professional leagues and gets a break that allows him to do pretty much anything. Then he goes on to be the town hero. I think I saw that movie when it was called "Rookie of the Year."

I could continue to list bad movies for ages. The point of this is that Hollywood thinks that if it's not broke, don't fix it. Well I got news for Hollywood: it is broke. It has been since day one and they need to do something to fix it. I might have to admit that I like watching pop shows, but this is getting ridiculous. All

you pop stars already have hundreds of millions of dollars in your bank accounts, bling bling! in Los Angeles and Beverly Hills. Stop worrying about how to pick up a few extra million and leave the acting to the pros. Then we might finally get some quality entertainment on Friday nights when we hit the box office.



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- Laura Shea, soph.

- Artiss Dandridge, JMC student

- Terrence Smith, fresh. - John Slawinski, junior

Instant Play In 24 Hours Students Produce First Ever 24 Hour Play Festival

By MARY SCHMOTZER
Staff Writer

Sitting in Studio 115 at 7 p.m. Oct. 25, I could feel the nervousness of over 40 people all around me. I was auditioning for the 24 hour play festival, and was beginning to wonder what I had gotten myself into.

Twenty minutes later, auditions began. The actors were instructed to select a prop from the prop room and improv a short monologue with it. Everything from a lamp to a stuffed squirrel was utilized.

Junior Liz Beebe cracked the room up with her bongos and Romanian accent when she entered and said, "My father was a sheepherder and my mother was a sheep."

At 8 p.m., lines were chosen to begin and end each play with. Writers and directors worked together to choose their casts, based on the props used, and the actors themselves.

The "fighting" over actors finally began. Everyone decided that Beebe needed to make a cameo with her bongos in every show. Although everyone was vying for the same actors, all involved were civil.

While the decision process continued, I ventured into the hallway where the actors were waiting impatiently for the cast list. The door was opened and the actors poured back into the studio. Junior Todd Aberts stood in front of everyone and said, "the bloodbath is over, the actors have been announced." Each cast then met with their director, and actors were free for the night.

Beginning at 9 p.m., the writers had an hour and a half to write their scripts, based on casting and discussions with their directors. They needed to come up with a way to fit their casts' props into the show, and use the beginning and ending lines previously assigned to them.

Despite the obstacle ahead of them, the writers were positive.

"It's exciting to have an hour and a half to write a play," said senior Amy Herman. While the writing continued, the directors and designers talked and bounced around ideas for sets, sound and lighting. Stage manager and junior Taryn Friend said that this event was quite different than the way she was trained to work.

"This is more hectic and you have to spread yourself thin. There are five totally different shows and it gets tricky because everything happens at once," she said.

By midnight, everyone went up to the computer lab to hold a read-through, due to the fact that the printers wouldn't print. Following the reading, directors and writers met to make revisions.

When I walked in on Saturday morning, the neat, black studio theatre I remembered from the night before was littered with lights, cords and ladders. Aberts and electrician freshman Michael Overstreet were atop the ladders hanging lights, while the actors were all in various parts of the building rehearsing their scenes.

Senior Katherine Stephens was running her scene in the acting lab. She was thoroughly going through the script and stopping often to work on blocking and on the use of props.

After a lunch break and a small battle trying not to eat all the candy that had invaded the downstairs hallway, techs finally began. Everyone was a bit delirious by this point.

"I had one hour of sleep and I'm like 'woohoo!'" said co-coordinator Cantwell.

Each scene teched while the crew fixed problems and practiced set changes. While their scene wasn't teching, actors scrambled to get their lines down and get as much rehearsing in as possible. The actors themselves were starting to get silly at this point; in the middle of her tech, junior Cameron Rohrke impaled her cardigan over her head and said, "I am Batman!"

Right before the dress rehearsal, Irvin gave her thanks to the festival's participants.

"It's been a long day and I know we're all tired, but I don't think anyone's hated it," Irvin said.

After a shaky dress rehearsal, notes were given and an hour later the show commenced. So many people came that a second show had to be performed that night. The show went over well.

"I was impressed they put it together in 24 hours," said senior Claire Denk.

Despite the lack of sleep, many participants in the 24 hour play festival hope to continue it in the future semesters.

"It was a great experience. I'm glad I did it," junior Justin Zimmerman said.



Freshman Alison Morgan and junior Mary Idzoe in the 24 hour play festival.

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By Ed Carty

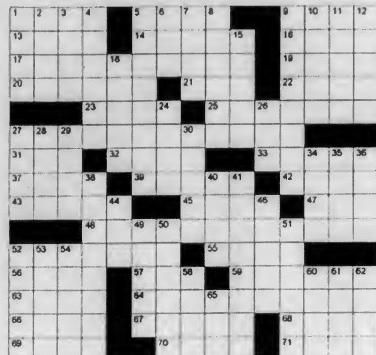
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37 Cloister dweller
39 Barnyard call
42 Equal

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Drop Bush, Not Bombs**▲ WAR, page 3**

East has been nothing but a policy of bullying and ultimatums. Even after Hussein himself promised full access to Iraq's weapons in exchange for peace, Bush ignored him, terribly excited about fighting "the guy who tried to kill [his] dad." Only because "peace" was until now, successfully maintained down the barrel of a gun and through threat of economic sanctions did the Middle East stifle itself from attacking. Sept. 11 equated the shout of these people against the forced protection of our interests.

What struck me as the greatest use of 3rd grade logic, however, was the argument that, "if these people are so dissatisfied with this country, maybe they should just leave and move

Stephanie R. Johnson is a freshman.

Final thought: the Spirit Rock painting was an expression of the general free speech we have.

Articulating these opinions, even if they contradict the will of Capitol Hill, prevents us all from becoming a complacent herd. Last I remember, "stupid rhetoric" is implicitly

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somewhere else." Not all citizens of our nation possess the option of packing up and leaving. Meanwhile, those same Iraqis who wish to escape the injustice of their regime and reside in the "land of the free" are now in INS jails, awaiting a trial for merely expressing the views they are entitled to within our borders.

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'Friends' In Low Places

▲ ELECTION, page 3

The article, which tries to disguise it self as an objective report, is nothing less than an endorsement of Reagan. It is too bad for the other candidates that *The Bullet* did not choose to take an unbiased position, publish a neutral article highlighting each candidate, or that they simply did not have

friends on the staff willing to sacrifice impartial journalism for a one-sided acclamation meant to ship past the readers.

Even though this will not be published until after the elections, still it needs to be known that an article of this sort has a time and a place, but not in a school sponsored

newspaper during an election, even if only *The Bullet* reads it. This is not an attack on Reagan at all, he did nothing wrong; it is *The Bullet* who placed the other candidates at a disadvantage, which is entirely unacceptable.

Brian A. Fehay is a freshman.

Taking Aim At The Bullet

▲ CANDIDATE, page 3

with this article, this letter is directed squarely at *The Bullet*. It is the responsibility of *The Bullet* staff to make sure an overzealous supporter doesn't cross the line from an objective article

to an outright endorsement, whoever the candidate may be.

Patrick Briley is a sophomore and was a candidate for Honor Council president.

Why The U.S. Shouldn't Go To War**▲ WAR, page 3**

Rome, and London, and the re-election of Gerhard Schroeder in Germany who ran on an anti-war platform.

5. The U.S. has made no commitment to rebuilding Iraq after the war. There are also no clear plans for creating a transition government if Saddam Hussein is taken out of power.

6. The Bush administration has not made its post-war objectives clear.

7. There is no decisive link joining Saddam Hussein to the Al Qaeda network.

8. A pre-emptive strike by the U.S. violates the United Nations Charter.

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stronger as our policies allow him to demonize the West and portray himself as the champion of the Iraqi people.

Furthermore, it should not be unreasonable to expect a country as rich and powerful as the United States to be able to solve conflicts without resorting to violence.

Amelia Rose is a senior.

The Weekly Wassup

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Sniper Fails To Cancel Halloween

COAR Welcomes Surge Of Trick-Or-Treaters To Campus

By BRIDGET MURPHY

Assistant Features Editor

Recent shootings in the Fredericksburg area have added a new fear factor to one of the spookiest holidays. Many organizers of local organizations who had planned to alter or cancel Halloween plans due to a series of shootings that terrorized the region for three weeks, reestablished activities as of Oct. 24.

However, safety remains a concern among some parents who have turned to Halloween alternatives to the traditional neighborhood trick-or-treating, such as Halloween parades and trick-or-treating in safer areas, such as Mary Washington College residence halls.

Concerns regarding child safety pervaded many area festivities extending to Mary Washington College's campus. Mary Washington College's Community Outreach and Resources group, COAR, saw a surge of interest in its annual trick-or-treating program offered to parents and children in the Fredericksburg area on Saturday, Oct. 26 before John Allen Muhammed and John Lee Malvo, suspects in the sniper case, were apprehended early last Thursday. The program, which ran from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., included door-to-door trick-or-treating in the college's residence halls.

Assistant Professor of Modern Foreign Language Elizabeth Lewis has participated in the program with her six-year-old daughter for the past five years.

"This is our big Halloween tradition," Lewis said. "It's a lot safer [than neighborhoods]. You feel you have a connection to the place and feel confident that this is a different kind of community."

Lewis insisted that the recent shootings have not influenced a change in her holiday plans.

"I don't think the sniper changed the way we do Halloween," she said. "I haven't heard of it affecting anyone's plans."

Multicultural student counselor Greta Franklin took her three-year-old niece Brittaney, five-year-old nephew Malik and 2-year-old cousin Josephine to Virginia and Madison Halls for trick-or-treating.

"They had a really good time," said Franklin, adding that the children's Halloween plans will most likely be kept simple. "I think they'll do something a lot smaller, maybe go to just a few houses in the neighborhood," she said. "Safety is a concern, especially nowadays. You don't know people as well as you used to. I think more people are going to church activities or private parties or doing the COAR thing."

Junior Kevin Johnson divided his time between two area Halloween programs on Saturday. Along with the COAR program, Johnson helped at Christ Lutheran Church's festivities.

"It was a Halloween party for kids ages three to nine," he said. "The kids decorated pumpkins and cupcakes and watched Charlie Brown."

According to Johnson, the event was not affected by recent anxieties regarding children's safety.



Jackie Mancini/Bullet

Kids on Campus Walk during the event

"However, it took place indoors," said Johnson. Mary Washington College students who volunteered their time by handing out candy from their rooms as well as chaperoning the groups agreed the safety of campus was part of the appeal. "It's safer because it's a closed community," COAR member junior Gabriela Castaneda said. "A lot of professors who came really appreciate the program because they didn't want to go trick-or-treating on Thursday."

Another COAR member, senior Jessica Ratcliffe who chaperoned groups as they went from hall to hall, agreed that many participants counted Saturday's activities as their sole Halloween celebration.

"I think that's a common assumption," Ratcliffe said. "A lot of times because [Halloween] happens on a school day and parents have to work. This [the COAR program] being a weekend is the only time parents can be with their kids. Parents had a great time and it's a safe environment."

Castaneda estimated that over 100 area youngsters participated in the program. The response was greater this year than in the past.

"We sent out an e-mail to the 40 agencies we work with, from nursing homes to homeless shelters to schools, as well as Mary Washington faculty," Castaneda said.

According to COAR, Circle K set up activities in Virginia Hall's parlor while groups formed and many college students volunteered their time, handing out candy from their rooms.

Junior Cat Miller and roommate senior Katie Duffett were among those who volunteered.

"I thought it was the cutest little thing ever," Miller said.

Duffett was impressed with the organization of the event.

"I noticed plenty of chaperones per group," Duffett said.

Administrative Assistant for the Education Department, Deborah Mamarano, took her five-year-old son, Jonathan around campus.

"It's the greatest, funnest thing ever," Jonathan said.

Mamarano agreed. "I think it's wonderful," she said. "It's well lit and safe."

BOV Considers Race-Blind Admissions

Motion Would Look At Academic Standing Alone

By TERRY NORTON

Staff Writer

The Mary Washington College Board of Visitors discussed the subject of switching to a race-blind admissions policy at their summer meeting. Dori G. Eglesky, chairperson for the BOV, said that the subject will be on the December meeting agenda for formal discussion.

According to Jennifer Blair dean of Undergraduate Admissions, State Solicitor General William Hurd sent a memorandum dated April 22, 2002 to all presidents and BOV members of state schools of higher education. This memorandum said that the admission and hiring policies of all public colleges and universities must comply with "The Accord Between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States Department of Education for Civil Rights," which works to maintain racially neutral measures to promote diversity among public colleges and universities in Virginia. The Governor, Virginia Secretary of Education, and the Office of the Attorney General on behalf of the Commonwealth and the U.S. Secretary of Education and other federal officials agreed to and signed the Accord on Nov. 7, 2001. The concluded a five-year federal compliance review contingent upon Virginia's good faith efforts to comply with the Accord's terms.

Philip Hall, vice president of Academic Affairs and dean of the Faculty, explained that there are two schools of thought, which were debated back and forth at the summer BOV meeting.

"One is affirmative action, which believes diversity is best served by paying special attention to it. Two, diversity is best served when race is not a factor," Hall said.

Egelsky said, that the BOV needs time to understand The Accord and check it against practices the college now uses to see if those policies are in line with The Accord.

According to Hall, one member was in favor of blind admissions. A few of the other members

defended affirmative action.

"I don't feel at liberty to reveal names of the players at this preliminary time," Hall said.

Ernest Ackerman, president of the Faculty Senate, said he feels that it is not a good idea to change the policy. He said that the college should maintain quality and take diversity into account.

Blair said he felt strongly about the current policy.

"I appreciate our staff being able to factor in race and ethnicity," he said. "Removing that would make it a challenge to increase the diversity. I have been with the school for 20 years, and I'm a graduate."

Freshman Tim Cook is African-American with a grade point average above 3.5 and supports blind admissions.

"I kind of like merit only to end the stigma that Blacks are here on a quota," Cook said. "It's nice to get your foot in the door, but I like to think I got here on GPA alone as opposed to being a number."

Blair said that when making selections, the staff considers not only academic aspects such as strength of curriculum, SAT and GPA, but also non-academic aspects such as student essays, recommendations, background/ethnicity and national origin. Blair said that at present it is optional for students to list race on their applications.

"I'm sort of torn," said senior Linda Amponsah, who is African-American. "They should not just use affirmative action, but if a person meets the requirements, they shouldn't be turned away. It's good for blacks, but it's not fair for a qualified person to be turned away. The college is not very diverse at the moment. I want to see more diversity and the only way is with affirmative action."

According to Blair, ethnic minorities make up 12 percent of the fall 2002 freshman class, which is up from 11 percent for fall 2001. The entering class profile reported that 98 percent of the 2002 freshman class had high school GPAs between 3.01 and 4.00. The last two percent had GPAs between 2.61 and 3.00.

Search For New Honor Council President Culminates Wednesday

There were five candidates in the running for honor council president. They were sophomore Patrick Britley, sophomore Alicia Cornell, junior Brian Reagan, senior Timothy Sheils, and junior Nikki Vegera.

Considering the last two honor council presidents ran unopposed, this was a much larger election for the position. Results of the election were too late to be revealed in this week's edition of The Bullet.



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Junior Brian Janelsins votes for the new president while freshman Molly Fitch and sophomore Justine Poslusny control the election table.

Eaglelink Continues To Ease Registration



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Senior Dave Marshall registering early Wednesday morning.

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The days of standing in line to get classes are long over as registration begins its second successful semester online.

Susan Stevenson, college registrar, says that the online registration has been, "so far, so good." There have been small glitches with the senior registration, like the wrong prerequisites listed for upper level classes, but according to Stevenson, none of the problems would have been fixed with the old stand in line registration.

Some students were very wary to register online.

"I went to register this year, and the first thing that came to my mind was 'booyah,'" senior Chris Perdikoylis said. "When I used to stand in line, not great. I missed a dentist appointment once because I had to stand in line. Then I lost a tooth because it rotted."

Other students agreed that Eaglelink improves their registration experience.

"For the first time I'm actually looking forward to registration. It's just so easy now," junior Mark Malone said.

"You now can register in the comfort of your own room," sophomore James Osburn said.

Yet, senior Gabriel Walters disliked the small period of time students are allotted to register for classes that is offered through online registration.

"[Thought] you don't have to skip classes to wait in line in GW, they only give you a small window, and if you don't get the classes you want, you have to wait for the add/drop period," Walters said.

Seniors registered earlier this week, juniors on Wednesday and Thursday, sophomores rounding out the week on Friday, Monday and Tuesday and freshman next week Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

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